

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1-6 are amended to place this application in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 1-21 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

Applicants wish to acknowledge the allowability of claims 7-21.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, each of these claims is amended to define a magnetic coating material, rather than a coating. This amendment is consistent with the reasoning set forth in Ex Parte Scott cited by the Examiner in that the claims now define the coating material rather than a "coating." Applicant submits that this amendment overcomes the objection to the original claim language of a coating per se, and claims 1-6 are also now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine this application and pass claims 1-21 onto issue.

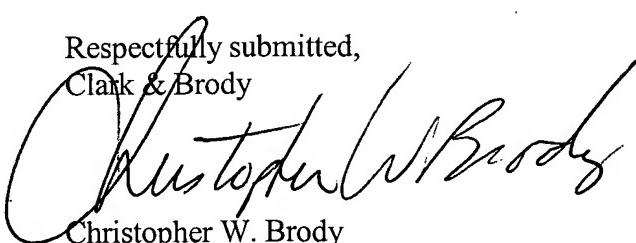
The Examiner is also requested to telephone the undersigned if any other issues still exist so that this patent application can be expeditiously allowed.

The above is a complete response to all issues raised in the outstanding Office Action of April 22, 2003.

A petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is hereby made. A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including additional extension of times fees to deposit account number 50-1088 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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